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NATIONAL PROJECT FOR CATTLE AND BUFFALO BREEDING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched a national project for cattle and buffalo breeding;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which benefits of the project reach to the farmers/breeders as early as possible; and

(d) the steps taken for management of breeding operations on scientific lines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Ninth Plan Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Project for Cattle and Buffalo breeding envisages delivery of breeding inputs at the farmers door step, radically improving coverage of bovine population under organised breeding programme, improvement in quality of bulls used for natural service, conservation of indigenous breed, optimum utilisation and enhancement of capacity in institutional infrastructure as well as developing synergies among major players.

(c): Direct release of grants to the State implementing Agencies (SIA) will ensure minimum lock-up period and faster implementation for the benefit of farmers, mobile AI facilities will reach the services to their doorstep and promotion of breeders organisations will provide them means of tackling their problems through innovative measures.

(d): Detailed guidelines for formulation of State sub-project have already been circulated which insist on strengthening of sperm stations and bull mother farms for optimal capacity utilisation, institutional restructuring to improve quality and supply of breeding inputs, a radical human resource development programme for skill upgradation of personnel, quality control of services and inputs, cost recovery of services and inputs and adherence to scientific programme and protocol for genetic improvement. A close monitoring of the progress is envisaged under the programme.